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Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon this matter. I write as a low profile user/consumer of the computer. Also, my comments are based upon a somewhat limited knowledge of computer functions and technology.

I have always appreciated computer capabilities which would permit me to get online and browse the internet without being confronted by a labyrinth of confusing (to me, at least) maneuvers involving movements between internet access and other, non-internet, computer usages. When Netscape replaced Mosaic, a browser, as determined by my then employer, I developed hopes for such "one stop" flexibility. In my perception, this kind of access is a good thing for computer users -- and definitely what I wanted. To my knowledge, Internet Explorer is the only product which actually offers this availability. Why others did not come up with the same or similar possibility, instead of fighting it with adjective laden allegations, seems disappointing to me.

As there might be other alternatives to my understanding, I would hope they are to be exploited and determined in the market place rather than seemingly endless litigation. Continuing opposition to settlement suggests to me, a "sore loser in the market" attitude and, perhaps, special interest political efforts regarding a matter that should now be realized as settled. I do hope settlement can at last be achieved.

Thank you for your attention.

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